

Descanso Planning Group **Minutes of Regular January 20, 2011 Meeting**

**Date, Time and Place: January 20, 2011 @ 7:00PM @ the Descanso Town Hall,
24536 Viejas Grade, Descanso, CA 91916**

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance : 7:10
2. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
 1. Rachel Antle
 2. Vacant
 3. Deirdre Carter
 4. John Elliott
 5. Michael Sterns
 6. Vacant
 7. Don Hickie **absent**
 8. Claudia White
 9. Terry Gibson
3. Open Discussion/Presentation from the Floor. Any member of the public may address the Group on topics pertaining to planning, zoning and land use, which does not appear elsewhere in this agenda. No Group action is permitted on items not on the agenda in accordance with the Brown Act. Speakers will be allowed 3 minutes. **Terry feels Alpine Fence looks tacky and asks what we could do to make them make it more compatible to our community image. Terry offered to approach the company. Terry also says that residents are spraying black over the red indicators on living oak trees slated to be cut down.**
4. Approval of Minutes from December 2010 Regular Meeting. **MOTION John/Rachel: Vote 6-0-1-2**
5. Correspondence and Announcements: Sent- Letter: Descanso Valley Pathway priorities to Supervisor Jacob as approved at the December meeting. Letter: Input on EIR for Strategic Removal of Selected Dead, Dying and Diseased Trees in the Greater Julian Area to Bobbie Stephenson, Environmental/Land Use Planner, Multiple Species Conservation Program, County of San Diego Department of Planning and Land Use as approved at the December meeting. Email on Riverside Bridge inquiry in response to Giselle "Gigi" Finley, Senior Civil Engineer, County of San Diego, Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering Section.
6. Prioritization of this Meeting's Agenda Items
7. New Business
 - A. **Riverside Bridge Alternatives:** Discuss Traffic Engineering Section suggestion to remove wood from the Riverside bridge to provide an additional two inches of width and any other alternatives to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety. **Michael reported that an engineer from SD County Dept. of Public Works did come out and view bridge. Three alternatives were suggested by PDG and rejected. County alternative was to remove the wood and could install illuminated warning signs. There is virtually no hope for a replacement bridge in the near future. However, we were advised that a cantilevered pedestrian walkway installation was possible. Grant sources were provided. Motion to remove wood on bridge: John/Michael: Vote 2-4-1-2. Motion to support concept of pedestrian walkway: John/Claudia: Vote 6-0-1-2.**
 - B. **Recommend Candidates for Vacant Seats on Descanso Planning Group:** Approve candidate recommendations for Seat 2 and Seat 6 vacancies to Supervisor Dianne Jacob. **Michael/John motioned to recommend Joellen for seat 2 and Cathy for seat 6. Vote: 5-1-1-2**
 - C. **2011 Planning Group Officers:** Approve Descanso Planning Group officers for 2011. **Claudia /Terry motioned that officers remain the same. Michael-Chairperson, Joellen-Vice chair, Deirdre-Secretary, Don- Treasurer.**
8. Old Business
 - A. **Park Land Dedication Ordinance Project Priority List:** Report from subcommittee for a community park in Descanso. **Terry reported that she called Bradley Roberts who said a consultant would do a topographic and drainage report. Report on estimate for improvements should be sent to MEUSD superintendent this month. Michael says that main concern is to extend the joint powers agreement.**
9. Request for Agenda Items on Upcoming Agendas:.

10. Approval of Expenditures/Expenses and Treasurer's Report \$318.22
11. Announcements: Next Meeting: February 17, 2011 @ 7:00PM.
12. Adjournment 8:15